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MEMORANDUM

TO: CA - Mr. Robert Hennemeyer

FROM: ARA - Sally Shelton *SSD*

SUBJECT: People's Temple in Guyana

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The Ambassador indicated that he was fully aware of the problem and that he would alert his government to insure that the case is resolved equitably and quickly.

In view of the fact that this subject matter comes within the purview of your Bureau, we will continue to defer action on it to the Office of Special Consular Services. Frank Tumminia, Guyana's Desk Officer, will keep in close touch with Elizabeth Powers and Steven Dobrenchuck of your Bureau who have immediate responsibility in this area.

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